

# IMPORTANT DISMISSAL NOTICE

## SAFETY CONCERNS

For the past year we have been working on a safe dismissal procedure for the Sunday night classes. After reviewing the situation and the reasons that past plans didn't work, we consulted with the police department. It was decided that the best plan would be to utilize our parking lots and have parents pull in and wait for the students to come out. Due to the number of classes being dismissed at the same time, we came up with the plan to dismiss students by grade to their designated lots.



**We have had to make necessary changes as we have noticed potential safety issues.** Your patience and understanding during these changes to the procedure is appreciated. Maps, directions, notices, and updates have been sent home and are posted on the web-site to insure that everyone has access to these modifications.

While we understand that the changes we have made will not always be convenient for everyone, we do feel that as long as the procedures are followed, they are the most effective way to keep everyone safe. Unfortunately, we have had parents who are not following the signs or procedures. Cars are still trying to enter the side lot through the "Exit Only" and drivers are often getting upset with the volunteers that try to stop them. Several parents are not parking their cars in a space, but instead continue to drive around the lot waiting for their student to get into the car.

We have asked the teachers to park their own vehicles in the upper lot instead of in the side lot since there is more room. That will open up some more spaces for parents to park in the side lot. If you are a family with students being dismissed to both lots, our suggestion is that you have all of them dismissed to the upper lot since space has not been an issue up there.



***If we cannot get everyone to follow the dismissal procedure that we have set, we will need to return to our policy of the past. Parents will need to park their cars in the lot and come inside the church to pick students up from class just like we do with the Sunday morning classes.***

We do apologize for any inconvenience this has caused anyone, but we are trying our best to keep everyone safe and we believe this is the most effective way. Please follow the dismissal procedure that we have set and remember that our volunteers are helping to keep your children safe. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

**Dismissal Procedure on the back **

*Once again...*

1. Pick up time is 7:30!
2. Pull into designated parking lot and *park your car in a space!*
3. DO NOT park along the sides of the parking lot!
3. DO NOT pull into the lot where it says "EXIT ONLY"!
4. If you see your student while pulling into the lot, DO NOT stop along the way to pick them up. Park and they will come to you!
5. DRIVE CAREFULLY AND SLOWLY!!!
6. Siblings should be dismissed to the same lot! (Upper lot not as crowded)
7. Discuss with your student the need to wait with a teacher until they have found their ride!
8. Be kind to our volunteers, they are trying to help!
9. This can work with everyone's cooperation!
10. Thank you for your patience and understanding!